

SITES CHOICE BETWEEN HERE AND NEW YORK

Thomas A. Edison Opposed to the Capital for Naval Test Laboratory.

NEW BOARD ORGANIZES

Naval Officers Favor Washington in Order to Mobilize Department Activities.

When the naval civilian consulting board met in the office of Secretary Daniels today to consider a site for the new \$1,000,000 experimental laboratory the contest for the plant had narrowed down to Washington and some site near New York city.

Opposed to Washington are Thomas A. Edison, chairman, and a number of the members of the board whose offices are in New York. Favoring Washington are officers of the navy, who hold the Capital to be the logical site. Secretary Daniels has the deciding voice, but he has not indicated whether he will be guided by the wishes of the civilian board or his naval advisers.

The civilian board organized today. Secretary Daniels, in an address to the board, praised their patriotic service to the country. Tonight the board will go down the Potomac on the Dolphin to see target practice off the Virginia capes.

Indicates Edison's Opposition.

An indication that Chairman Edison will vigorously contest the choice of Washington as a site for the research laboratory was given by Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, the inventor's assistant and spokesman.

"Washington is eliminated," Dr. Hutchison said before the meeting. "It is essential that there shall be a water depth of thirty-five or forty feet so that battleships may be anchored alongside the laboratory."

May Delay Selection.

It was at Mr. Edison's insistent suggestion that Secretary Daniels had written from the laboratory a paragraph designating Washington as a site for the laboratory.

Naval officials hold, however, that deep water is not as essential as other requirements. They say it is obvious that any battleship station can be made without bringing the warship to the doors of the laboratory.

Why Officers Favor Capital.

What is more essential, they believe, is that the plant should be located in or near Washington so that the experts of the ordnance department, of the navy yard, where the government's big guns are made, and the ordnance plant, where the navy's powder is made, may participate in experiments. The element of safety is another consideration argued in favor of Washington as against New York. It is more important, some officials believe, that the government's naval experimental laboratory should be located where it is safe from attack than that it is an armor plant should be so constructed.

There were some who felt that it was not so much deep water as convenience to their offices that led members of the board to favor a New York site over Washington.

It was considered unlikely that an immediate selection of the laboratory site will be made, owing to the differences of opinion.

The board confined itself this morning to preparations for formal organization under the act that gives the board official character and an appropriation for expenses. It is believed Mr. Edison will be retained as chairman of the board.

Secretary Daniels, in addressing the board at the outset, said its activities formed a "new experiment in voluntary patriotic service."

"You have already given a new vision of American willingness to put service to country above private interest," Mr. Daniels said, "and that vision is the acceptance of the foremost scientists and engineers, and the voluntary help already given, shows that they are the 'minute men of this period.'"

Jealous of Bride's Brother, Kills Her

Greek Then Turns Revolver Upon Himself—Couple Recently Married.

Craved by jealousy, Michael Strategatos, a Greek cook, thirty-two years old, shot and killed his wife, Vasili, twenty-two years old, in their room, at 206 Sixth street northwest, early today, and then dangerously wounded himself with a bullet in the brain.

The woman died at the Casualty Hospital a short time after arriving at that institution. Death was due to a bullet wound in the right breast.

Strategatos and his wife, though married only two months, had been separated for about a week. The cause of the separation was the woman's infidelity, which was shown by the woman for her brother's company the wife declared, he says, that she would never again live with her husband. She left him and rejoined her brother in another section of the city.

Returning for her clothing today to the Sixth street house, the scene of her honeymoon, she was confronted by Strategatos, who locked the door after she had entered the room. There were no eyewitnesses to the tragedy. The man's chance for recovery is said to be slight.

2 British Steamers Sunk

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The British steamers Dewa and Lord Tredegar have been sunk.

ELECTION BETTING ACTIVE; WILSON MONEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—Betting on the Presidential election is more active today than at any time during the campaign.

One wager of \$20,000 on Hughes at 2 to 1 was reported. Wilson money is more plentiful today, though, than for the last few weeks, and odds on Hughes are wavering at 8 to 5.

One uptown brokerage house, it is said, has \$100,000 to place on Wilson when the "odds are a little better."

CROWD OUT TO SEE ANTI-TRUST SUIT TIGERS AND RED SOX BROUGHT AGAINST IN CRUCIAL SERIES

Michigan City Baseball-Mad as Teams Prepare for Opening Clash Today.

DETROIT, Sept. 19.—Detroit was baseball mad today as the Tigers and Red Sox prepared to go to the mat in the three-game series which may determine the pennant winner in the American League.

The two teams are now virtually tied for the top position in the percentage column, Boston leading by about 2 points, and the winner of the series will have an edge on all opponents for pennant honors.

Sixty thousand fans, club officials believe, will witness the three games, providing rain doesn't interfere.

There was real football zip to the air today, but a bright sun did much to offset the cool breezes.

George Daus and George Foster probably will be chosen to battle for the services of Jack Barry, while, for the Tigers, Oscar Vitt will be absent from the hot corner, due to an injury to his wrist sustained in a game with Cleveland still in doubt.

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White Sox Meet Marks.

While the Tigers and Red Sox are kicking each other around, the Chicago White Sox, in third place by a game and a half, will be getting a crack at the much-boostered Athletics, and may nose their way into the lead position over both Tigers and Red Sox.

Cleveland still is strong enough to offer stiff opposition, and it will be the Indians who get the next crack at the title holders.

The Red Sox still have fourteen games on their schedule, while Detroit has ten and the White Sox eleven. If the Red Sox win next game they will have a commanding position in the standings at the end of the season would be .575. If the Tigers win six and lose four games they would be in the championship. If the White Sox win six and lose five their standing would be .545.

If the Tigers win every one of their remaining five games they would have the season with a percentage of .604. If the Red Sox win their remaining fourteen games their percentage would be .611. If the Red Sox make a clean sweep of the games with the Tigers they would have a percentage of .587 and Detroit would stand at .566. That would leave the Athletics with a percentage of .545, and the Tigers with seven. Should Detroit win every one of those games their percentage would be .584.

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State Department Sees No New Crisis

Refuses To Be Worried by Sinking Of British Ship With Americans Aboard.

State Department officials today refused to see a resumption of the submarine warfare on merchantmen, which nearly caused a break between the United States and Germany, in the apparently overwhelming evidence that the British freighter Kelvinie, with Americans aboard, was torpedoed.

It was frankly admitted the department is investigating the sinking of the Kelvinie, but officials insisted they must have complete reports from survivors who landed at New York yesterday on the Anchor liner Tuscanie, before they can form an opinion.

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PRIVATE GAS RATES IN EFFECT OCTOBER 1

Consumers Not to Benefit by Reduction Before That Date.

Washington consumers will not benefit by the reduced gas rates for August which apply to the Federal departments and district offices, according to the opinion of Corporation Counsel Conrad H. Syme.

While the question has not been referred to him officially, Mr. Syme said today that from a casual reading of the District appropriation bill, it is his belief that the rate to private consumers becomes effective October 1.

The language of the bill is that on and after that date the Washington Gas Light Company shall not "charge or collect for gas furnished to a private consumer in excess of 15 cents per 1,000 cubic feet." A rate of 15 cents applies to the Georgetown Gas Light consumer.

BLACKMAILER 'SQUEALED' ON FORMER PALS

Didn't Get His "Bit," So He Put Federal Agents On to Gang.

ARE ARRAIGNED TODAY

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—While Federal detectives in other cities were taking the big cities today for H. C. Woodward, alleged to be the real head of the blackmail syndicate whose headquarters here were raided Sunday morning, the eight members of the gang caught here were arraigned before the United States commissioner here.

Hinton G. Clabaugh, of the Department of Justice, gave some cheering news for the wealthy men and women victims today, when he declared he had enough evidence to convict the band of using the Mann white-slave act as a weapon to blackmail, without exposing the names of some of them who were large sums of money to the syndicate.

Mr. Clabaugh also revealed that the case was turned over to the Philadelphia, now under surveillance in Philadelphia, that the full extent of the operations of the gang became known to the department.

Crocker Didn't Get His Share.

"We've got Frank Crocker in Philadelphia," said Clabaugh, "and it was from him information about the band first came. He was once a member of the band. He was 'in' on the fleecing of Mrs. Regina A. Klipper, of Philadelphia. There was some trouble after the money had been paid over, and she asked what he thought was coming to him and was mad."

Crocker tried to get his money. He followed Irwin and French to Chicago at the time of the Republican convention in June. He again demanded his share and was laughed at. That made him madder than ever.

He went to the detective bureau and told his story to Detective Crot. The case was turned over to the Federal authorities. Warrants for the arrest of Irwin and French, the latter also known as Herman Frank, were issued. The case was turned over to the Federal authorities. Warrants for the arrest of Irwin and French, the latter also known as Herman Frank, were issued.

How Mrs. Klipper Was Trapped.

"Crocker told the story of his grievance against Irwin under oath in court. Here it is:

"I met Mrs. Klipper in a New York cafe. We became pretty friendly and she invited me to her home in Philadelphia. I went there and saw several days, scarcely leaving the house. One night I walked out for a little while and went to 'think about' Donohue. We had worked together some. He lived only a few doors away. I went to see him and told him what (Continued on Third Page.)

MISS DE GRAY FILES DIVORCE SUIT REPLY

Defendant in Heart Balm Action Answers Allegation Naming Her Co-respondent.

Asserting her acquaintance with Levi C. Cox has been "of a purely friendly nature and not intimate in any respect," Miss Edith DeGray, defendant in a \$50,000 heart balm action, today filed her answer to the divorce bill in which she was named co-respondent.

Miss DeGray declares that the allegations in the absolute divorce petition of Mrs. Edith DeGray "are unfounded, unwarranted, and unjustifiable," and the belief is expressed that the naming of her in the separation proceedings "would be of benefit to Mrs. Cox in her damage suit."

The court is asked to dismiss the divorce petition as far as it relates to Miss DeGray. Strict proof of the allegations in the divorce action are demanded.

No effort is made by Miss DeGray to deny acquaintance with Cox, and acknowledgment is made of several meetings. Miss DeGray's answer declares "her several meetings with Levi C. Cox have always been in public places when her actions and conduct have been above reproach, free from any suggestion of intimacy, and subject to the observation of persons who were present."

The answer asserts that Miss DeGray "has never at any time been in the company or presence of Levi C. Cox under any circumstances from which it could be inferred or even suspected by anyone, that there were any intimate or improper relations between herself and Cox."

The answer calls the court's attention to the fact that in Mrs. Cox's suit in which Miss DeGray is accused of alienating the affections of Cox no mention is made of the alleged intimacy between Cox and the defendant.

The answer bears the signature of Miss DeGray and her counsel, Attorneys George P. Hoover, John R. Shields, and William H. Hoover.

Man Annoyed Women.

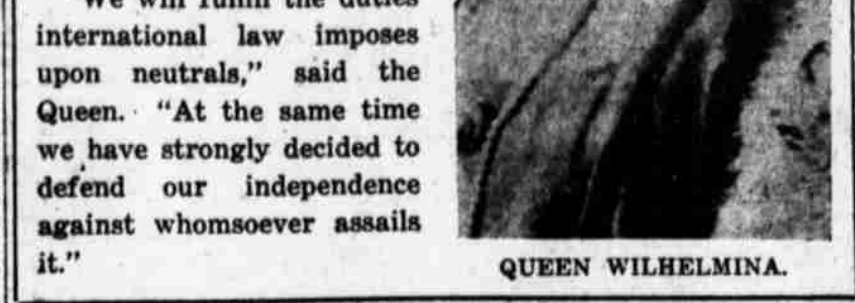
TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 19.—Convicted of having stopped nine girls and women on the streets of Trenton last evening, Louis Sells, of Brooklyn, was fined \$25 by Judge Geraghty in central police court here today.

HOLLAND'S QUEEN SOUNDS WAR LIKE WARNING

THE HAGUE, Sept. 19.—Queen Wilhelmina struck a warlike note in her speech at the opening session of Parliament today.

She told Parliament that important steps to strengthen any attack on the country's neutrality are being taken, and that the supply of war materials and munitions is growing. She warned belligerents on both sides that Holland is prepared to resist such an attack.

"We will fulfill the duties international law imposes upon neutrals," said the Queen. "At the same time we have strongly decided to defend our independence against whomsoever assaults it."



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

DOLLAR EGGS NOW IS PROSPECT HERE SECOND CAMPAIGN

Fresh Country Product Now 48 Cents Dozen, With Steady Rise Predicted.

FRESH COUNTRY EGGS, \$1.00 A DOZEN.

This sign may be displayed by Washington dealers before many weeks, according to those who buy and sell eggs, and others who profess to know the inside of the market.

The prognosticators of evil base their prediction on the fact that fresh country eggs are now selling for 48 cents a dozen, as compared with 31 cents a dozen this time last year.

Local egg dealers say the present price is destined to be boosted considerably by the receipt of consignments of eggs from the north, which are expected to be materially increased within the next few days.

As a result of the rapid rise in price scores of lunchroom proprietors here have increased the price of egg sandwiches from 10 to 15 cents each.

The eggs cost them 4 cents and they figure the roll and butter and cook's services are worth at least 10 cents more. They are quoted at 35 cents a dozen, wholesale and 41 to 42 cents a dozen retail. Second, or small sized fresh eggs, are quoted at 30 to 40 cents, wholesale and 41 to 42 cents retail.

Cold storage eggs are selling at 34 to 35 cents wholesale and thirty-eight to 40 cents retail.

Washington dealers say the demand for eggs is more than twice as great as the supply. They are unable to explain the shortage and consequent high prices. The present quotations are nearly on a par with the highest price asked for eggs during the coldest weather last winter.

While some local dealers express the belief that the shortage is temporary, others say the shortage is permanent. They say the shortage is permanent. They say the shortage is permanent. They say the shortage is permanent.

Sue to Enjoin Use Of Parking Space

Washington Terminal Company Would Restrict Sight-seeing Autos at Station.

Suit to enjoin the International Auto Sight-seeing Transit Company from occupying space at the Terminal Station was instituted in the District Supreme Court today by the Washington Terminal Company.

In a rule issued by Justice McCoy the defendant is required to show cause why it should not be restrained.

The Terminal Company informs the court that an act of Congress gave it absolute control of certain space surrounding the station, a portion of which has been leased to the Transit Company. The defendant is accused of parking its cars in space allocated to the terminal company, and a restraining order is sought.

Attorneys Hamilton & Hamilton, Edmund Brady and F. D. McKenney filed the petition.

Movie Star and Director In Automobile Smash

MINEOLA, L. I., Sept. 19.—Lillian Walker, "movie" star, and Wilfred North, of the Vitaphone Company, were thrown from their automobile here today, and shaken up when the car turned over.

Miss Walker was uninjured and was able to continue with the company en route to stage a picture near here. North is confined in the Mineola hospital with painful bruises.

Steel Up to \$109.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—U. S. Steel common stock another new record price at \$109 a share on the stock exchange this afternoon. It was up \$1.69 for the day.

ALLIES CROSS SERB BORDER AT TWO POINTS

Advance Against Monastir, Capturing Series of Heights From Bulgars.

RECAPTURE LOST GROUND

Savage Fighting Comes When-ever Balkan Soldiers Engage in Conflict.

BERLIN, Sept. 19.—The Germans have surrendered trenches to the British east of Ginchy and north of Combes, but have repulsed French attacks near Belloy and Vermandovillers, south of the Somme, it was officially announced today.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—Allied troops have crossed the Serbian frontier at two places and are advancing against the Bulgarian base at Monastir.

Serbian soldiers are fighting on their native soil for the first time since their retreat through Albania last winter. They have captured a series of heights from the Bulgars at Kamakchalan and have crossed the Serbo-Greek border north of Lake Ostrovo.

French and Russian troops are engaged with the Bulgars near Kenni, on Serbian territory. Practically all the territory conquered by the Bulgarian right wing in the recent invasion of Greece has already been recaptured by the Serbs, French, and Russians.

SAVAGE FIGHTING.

The most savage fighting has occurred wherever Serbs and Bulgarians came in contact. Eager for revenge, the Serbs are fighting themselves at the Bulgarian lines with knives and bayonets. Desperate hand-to-hand fighting was reported northwest of Lake Ostrovo.

The Bulgars have made almost no strong stand since their first strong defensive positions were wrecked by French and Serbian artillery. They have moved steadily northward in retreat, excepting at Florina, where they offered stubborn resistance, but were again defeated by French and Russian forces.

General Cordoulier, French commander, established headquarters in Florina and ordered the pursuit of the Bulgars continued, said an Athens dispatch today.

Greeks Praised.

Fighting with the allies near Florina was a number of Greek volunteers, whose bravery was specially mentioned in dispatches from Athens.

In Dobruja the Russo-Romanian retreat has completely halted on the strongly fortified line south of Constanta railway and an important battle on this line appears imminent. The Roumanians have the advantage of a narrow front, protected on the flanks by the Danube and the Black Sea, and there is little doubt here that they will be able to repel Teutonic attacks.

RAIN HALTS BRITISH ADVANCE ON SOMME

No Important Fighting in West Since Yesterday.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—A steady down-pour of rain has halted the British operations on the Somme front, and there has been no important fighting since yesterday.

General Haig reported this afternoon that British troops entered enemy trenches at Richebourg la Riviere at three separate places, taking prisoners and inflicting casualties.

The rainfall was general along the whole British front in Flanders and France.

The British troops spent the night in consolidating their new positions north-west of Bouleaux wood, where the capture of the "quadrilateral work" yesterday enabled Haig's men to advance 1,000 yards on a front of a mile.

This gain was another important advance in the encircling of Combes, whose capture is now considered but a matter of a few days.

GERMANS LOSE IN ATTACKS ON VERDUN

Paris Announces Repulse of Five Violent Onslaughts.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—The Germans broke out with five violent attacks on the Champagne front last night and attempted a bold stroke against Verdun, where there has been little fighting for several weeks.

The war office this afternoon announced that Russian contingents defending the Champagne front checked all the German attacks with screen fire.